ONE

REFERENCE CENTER LIBRARY

39382

"LIBRARY COPY"

25X1

CLASSIFICATION SECRET

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

REPORT NO.

INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY	**Czechoslovakia**
SUBJECT	**New Border Security Service to be Organized**

DATE DISTR. **21 May 1948**

NO. OF PAGES

25X1 PLACE ACQUIRED

NO. OF ENCLS.
(LISTED BELOW)

DATE OF INF ACQUIRED

SUPPLEMENT TO   25X1
REPORT NO.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION FOR THE RESEARCH
USE OF TRAINED INTELLIGENCE ANALYSTS

25X1

1. In a speech given [   ] to a group of generals taking a special marshal's course at the War College, Colonel Bedrich Reicin, Chief of Section V (OBZ) in the Czechoslovak General Staff, discussed the clean-up which was taking place in the Czechoslovak Army and its effect upon Czechoslovak intelligence operations. The disunity which had heretofore marred all efforts of the General Staff to gain the respect and confidence of the Soviet Army had now been resolved, he said, by the elimination of all elements not in accord with the principles and responsibilities of a people's democracy. The new unity could have only a beneficial effect in his own area of command in that a more vigorous and effective defense could now be provided for the state.

2. The Colonel stated that the frontier with the American Zone of Germany must be recognized as the weak spot in the Czechoslovak armor, for it was the road along which came the spies and reactionary elements from Germany and the West to undermine the security of the State. The security heretofore provided by the Finance Guard, the SNB, and the Army was unsatisfactory in that responsibility was too divided with only one man available to cover 1.3 kilometers of the border. A plan was in preparation, Reicin declared, to organize a new border security service with adequate personnel and armament to cope with the situation.

CLASSIFICATION SECRET

STATE		NAVY		NSRB		DISTRIBUTION						
ARMY	X	AIR										